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ANADROMOUS FISH REPORT IS RELEASED

The Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service has announced publication of a new report entitled "Anadromous Fish Resources:

Their Conservation, Development, Enhancement."

The 28-page illustrated booklet and 19-page supplement detail the Federal-State cooperative program to benefit anadromous fish--those which spawn in fresh water streams and migrate to the oceans or Great Lakes.

The program began after passage in 1965 of the Anadromous Fish Conservation Act.

In a foreword to the booklet, Secretary of the Interior Walter J.

Hickel writes that "Anadromous fish . . . were in serious trouble a few
years ago. Now there are hopeful signs."

The Secretary adds: "The program has sparked an enthusiastic response.

A strong Federal-State partnership has developed and is flourishing."

The program is administered jointly by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife and the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries. Federal dollars provide up to 50 percent of project costs.

A breakdown of fund distributions--by States, by species, by activity--and a brief description of each anadromous resource are given in the main report. Individual projects are listed in the supplemental report.

The booklet, with the supplement, is available for 40 cents from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.